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Poll: Majority say Trump impeded Russia probe

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WASHINGTON — A majority of Americans say they believe President Donald Trump has tried to obstruct the investigation into his campaign's ties to Russia, though the public is divided on whether he should be removed from office if he's found to have stymied the probe, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Meanwhile, the survey shows Americans are somewhat less likely to say Congress should remove Trump from office if he directed his former personal attorney, Michael Cohen, to arrange hush money payments to cover up claims of extramarital relationships during the 2016 campaign.

Still, opinions on both matters see a stark partisan divide.

The poll was conducted just after federal prosecutors in New York implicated Trump in illegal payments to a former Playboy model and an adult-film actress and after special counsel Robert Mueller revealed that discussions over a possible Trump Tower in Moscow extended longer than had been previously known. It was done amid signs of intensifying legal danger for Trump, whose actions face scrutiny in New York and in Mueller's investigation into possible coordination between Russia and the Trump campaign.

Overall, 42 percent of Americans approve of the job Trump is doing as president, while 56 percent disapprove. Those numbers have held steady for most of the year. About eight in 10 Republicans approve of Trump's job performance, while just one in 10 Democrats say the same.

The swirling investigations are helping define public opinion, creating clear divisions about whether and for what Trump should be impeached and to what extent he might be culpable of wrongdoing.

A majority of Americans — 58 percent — think the president has tried to impede the Russia investigation, while four in 10 say he has not. An overwhelming share of Democrats, 90 percent, say the president has sought to obstruct the probe, compared with 22 percent of Republicans.

The survey also shows that

if Mueller's investigation finds that Trump did not personally have inappropriate contacts with the Kremlin but nonetheless tried to obstruct the FBI's work, 51 percent of Americans think Congress should take steps to remove him from office, while 46 percent think it should not.

The special counsel's obstruction investigation has shadowed the president for a year and a half, unfolding alongside his inquiry into whether the Trump campaign coordinated with Russia to sway the election and the separate campaign finance probe in New York. The last month has produced bombshell developments in the investigation, including Cohen's sentencing, allegations that Trump's former campaign chairman lied to prosecutors and a judge's unexpected upbraiding of former national security adviser Michael Flynn.

Jonathan Levine, a 64-year-old financial services professional in Connecticut, said he was especially concerned by reports that negotiations over a Trump Tower in Moscow continued deep into the 2016 campaign.

"He's running to be president of the United States. The United States is ideologically opposed to Russia, so he's accidentally dealing with the enemy, accidentally in bed with the enemy," Levine said. "Obviously he should have discontinued negotiations in Moscow when he turned the campaign on full time."

Levine said he could support impeachment if there were appropriate hearings and solid evidence. But there are major partisan divides about what constitutes an impeachable offense.

About eight in 10 Democrats and two in 10 Republicans think Trump should be removed from office if he committed obstruction. Nearly three-quarters of Democrats and only about one in 10 Republicans think Congress should take steps to impeach him if he directed illegal payments.

Overall, 45 percent said Congress should take steps to remove him from office if he orchestrated the hush money payments. Slightly more, 53 percent, said Congress should not take steps to remove Trump for that.

OBITUARIES

Harold Malehorn



CHARLESTON — Harold Arthur "Hal" Malehorn, age 88, of Charleston passed away on Wednesday, December 19, 2018 at Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home in Mattoon and returned to the cosmos from whence he came. Hal rested in peace, fully confident of life after life.

Visitation will be at Adams Funeral Chapel, Charleston, Illinois, from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 26, 2018. The remembrance celebrating his life will be at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, December 27, 2018 at Adams Funeral Chapel, fol-



lowed by burial in Roselawn Cemetery, Charleston, Illinois.

Hal was born to William and Pauline (Greenawalt) Malehorn on March 14, 1930, in Columbus, Ohio. The following year, the family moved to Bradner, Ohio, where his father was the school superintendent and taught social studies.

In 1938, the family settled in Farmington, New Mexico, where his parents would teach for 26 years at the Navajo Methodist Mission School, a boarding school for Navajo children. There he studied under both parents' instruction.

In 1948 he graduated from Wheaton Academy in West Chicago, Illinois. He then attended Wheaton College in Wheaton, Illinois, majoring in English literature and history. There he met Edith Jensen, and the two married on April 17, 1954. "Edie" preceded him in death on March 25, 2015.

During the Korean War, he served in the Army Ordnance Corps at Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland. Discharged from military service, he enrolled at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. There, over the next 14 years, he eventually earned three graduate degrees: a master's in junior high school administration, a sixth year degree in school administration, and a doctorate in early childhood education.

During this time, he was also teaching upper grades English, serving as an elementary school principal, and teaching primary and kindergarten children, in Hillside, Illinois and Wilmette, Illinois.

In 1970, he began a 27-year career in Eastern Illinois University's College of Early Childhood, Elementary, and Middle Level Education, instructing freshmen through graduate-level students.

As a hobby, Hal collected practical teaching ideas. While at Eastern, he published thousands of these ideas in six volumes, intended for teachers of young children.

An armchair historian, for 20 years he produced weekly newspaper columns entitled "The Lincoln Log" and "The USA's Yesterdays" for the Charleston Times-Courier of Charleston, Illinois. He also published an e-book, "Abraham Lincoln's Life and Times."

For 24 seasons, he was a living-history interpreter at Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site in Lerna, Illinois. There he portrayed Alfred Balch, an 1845 schoolmaster. As the historic site's resident storyteller, Hal as "Alfred Balch" entertained and enlightened visitors on the lifestyles of the Thomas Lincoln family and other Illinois settlers. His humorous tales often spiced facts with outrageous fictions.

In 2004 he was a member of the first set of local volunteers honored with the Jefferson Award for Public Service, which recognizes residents who go above and beyond in professional and/or personal ways to better their communities.

Hal also earned three additional master's degrees from Eastern Illinois University, in middle school education, principalship, and gerontology.

He was fond of traveling, solving crossword puzzles, growing tomatoes, participating in Sacred Harp shape note singing, and singing in his church choir. He cherished popular music of the Big Bands and Rodgers and Hammerstein eras.

Hal was preceded in death by his older brother Merlin. He is survived by four children: Kathryn (Timothy Rapson) of Decatur, Illinois; Steven of Charleston; Janet (Jerry Spencer) of Helena, Montana; David (Lois Gambill) of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; niece Cheryl Malehorn Flurer; nephew Michael Malehorn; seven grandchildren: Grace (Jacob Frazier), Benjamin Rapson, Deborah Ranson (Matthew Gremo, fiancé) all of Decatur, Illinois; Ra-

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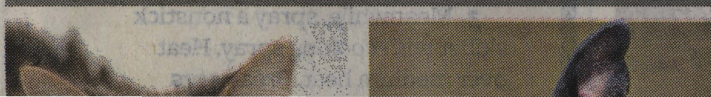
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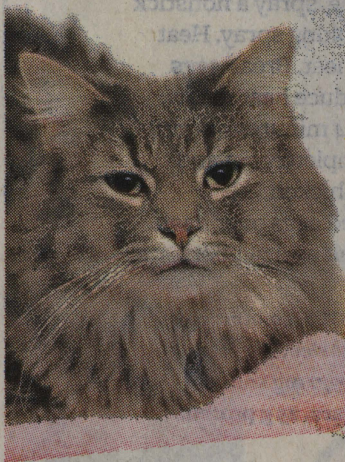
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This cat and dog are available for adoption at the County Animal Rescue and Education Center. The cat is "Nova," a 1-year-old gray-and-white neutered male. He is already microchipped. The dog is "Gypsy Rose," a 3- to 4-year-old black-and-white spayed female pit mix.

CARE center hours and fees are:

The CARE center, located on the Loxa Road, one mile south of Illinois Route 16, is open from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, and from 8 a.m.

to 1 p.m. Saturdays.

The adoption fee for a cat is \$41, which includes spay/neuter. Cats that are 5 years old and older are \$21 each. All dogs and cats leaving the shelter are required to be microchipped, which is included in the adoption fee. All cats must now be registered within 30 days of adoption. Dog adoption fees are \$41, with an additional \$50 for male dogs and \$75 for females that come to the shelter unaltered. The shelter offers low-cost spay and neuters. For an appointment, contact the shelter at 217-345-4112

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In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the Volunteer Pioneers at Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site, Lerna, Illinois 62440. Gifts may also be left at the visitation/service or mailed in care of Adams Funeral Chapel, 2330 Shawnee Dr., Charleston, IL 61920.

On-line condolences may be left on Hal's memorial website, available at www.adamsfuneralchapel.com.

Robert Scott

GREENUP — Robert "Bob" Scott, 86, of Greenup died Thursday (Dec. 20, 2018) at his residence.

Arrangements are incomplete at Barkley Funeral Chapel in Greenup.

A Christmas Wish for Our Cherished Friends

Blankets of snow coating the ground,
peace, joy and laughter all around.

May it find you surrounded by family and friends,
a picture-perfect holiday from beginning to end.

Merry Christmas To All & To All a Great Year!



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